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Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1515 Clay Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairperson Bosco,

Gaviota Coast Conservancy volunteers have been involved in counting monarch butterflies with regional coordinators from the Xerces Society at Ellwood and also the greater Gaviota Coast in the years of 2018 and 2019. We have witnessed the unfortunate decline in the colonies, some of which were documented in Shaw Leonard's film, GAVIOTA: The End of Southern California.

Gaviota Coast Conservancy is in support of granting state funding to the City of Goleta to restore and manage monarch habitats and create long-term preservation at Ellwood Mesa. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Steve Forsell  
President  
Gaviota Coast Conservancy